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UPDATES FROM THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCY COMMITTEES

Summary: An oral report will be presented at the meeting from each of the implementing agency committees: Performance Measures, Coordinated Actions, Level 1 Program and Fiscal Tracking, and Environmental Justice.

Recommended Action: This is an information item only.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1 – Implementation of Coordinated Actions – Working Draft

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Implementation of CALFED Coordinated Actions

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WORKING DRAFT

The following information was taken from the 10-Year Action Plan and the CALFED Record of Decision (ROD). The information addresses commitments and principles fundamental to the CALFED Program that are to be continued as agencies implement the "Coordinated Actions". Further, the information addresses activities in response to the Governor's independent review of the CALFED Program that are also to be undertaken by agencies implementing the "Coordinated Actions". The reader will need to obtain copies of both documents in order to have a full appreciation of the information. The ROD can be found at <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/Archives/GeneralArchive/RecordOfDecision2000.shtml> and the 10-Year Action Plan at http://www.calwater.ca.gov/Revitalizing_CALFED/10YearActionPlanLink.shtml.

If desired, the Executive Leadership Council (ELC) Coordinated Actions Team will make arrangements to more fully discuss these topics with the implementing agencies.

REFOCUSED CALFED PROGRAM

Taken from page 31 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006

All actions identified in the ROD are important to resolving Delta conflicts and the overall success of the CALFED Program. All actions identified in the ROD are important for balanced implementation of the Program. All actions (direct and coordinated) in the ROD will be implemented in a manner consistent with the intent of the ROD, follow the implementation commitments in the ROD including environmental justice and tribal coordination and implement the program and fiscal management improvements identified in Section 3 of the 10-Year Action Plan.

"Coordinated Actions" generally include those that have an indirect link to the problems and solutions in the Delta, but contribute to a successful CALFED.

List of Coordinated Actions

Taken from 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006

Water Use Efficiency	California Aqueduct Watershed Actions
Water Transfers	Lower SJR Flood Control Project
Watershed Management Element	Working Landscapes ¹
Groundwater Storage	Environmental Justice ¹
New Treatment Technology Pilots	Tribal Coordination ¹
Drinking WQ Source Improvement Grants	Science ¹

¹ Rather than stand-alone actions that must be implemented, these items are critical to the *manner in which the other* actions are implemented. They will be reflected as such in the reporting of the other, stand-alone actions listed.

Implementation Commitments

Topics from ROD Pages 32-35

Local Leadership	Environmental Documentation
Stakeholder Consultation	Permit Clearinghouse
Environmental Justice	Adaptive Management/Science
Tribal Consultation	Beneficiary Pays
Land Acquisition	
CALFED Agency Coordination	Compliance with water rights laws
Integration of non-signatory agencies	Project Operations COA

Additional topics from "Implementation Principles" in CALFED ROD's Amended and Restated Implementation MOU at pages 6-7 – some duplicates of ROD commitments.

Program Integration and balance.	Agency Coordination.
Consistency and support for CALFED Program.	Financing
Public Involvement	Local Implementation
Tribal Involvement	Environmental Justice
Science-based adaptive management	Single Blueprint for Ecosystem Restoration

Program and Fiscal Management Improvements

Taken from pages 23-25 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April, 2006.

Implement Performance –Based Program Management.

- Implement Common Program Management Standards, Performance Based Management Tools and Performance Tracking.
- Develop and Implementation Plan for Performance-Based Program Management.

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PROCESSES FOR COORDINATED CALFED ACTIONS

Taken from page 33 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006. This is largely a reiteration of the implementation commitments/principles noted previously.

Implementing agencies responsible for actions that fall into the Coordinated CALFED Actions group will need to evaluate the current approach and implement alternative strategies for meeting the CALFED implementation commitments identified in the ROD. This would include:

- incorporating public outreach, transparency, environmental justice, tribal and science commitments from the ROD into day-to-day operations for these actions.
- developing and using quantified performance measures in cooperation with the CALFED Science Program.
- apply the program and fiscal management improvements identified in this 10-Year Action Plan to all Coordinated CALFED Action.

ANNUAL REPORTING

Taken from page 33 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

Implementing agencies will:

- retain their oversight and management responsibilities for Coordinated CALFED Actions as part of the annual CALFED Program Plan development and approval process
- report to the ELC on progress and Program issues on an annual basis.

DEVELOP QUANTIFIABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Taken from page 33 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

Implementing agencies will:

- develop quantifiable performance measure to provide information on progress in implementing Coordinated CALFED Programs; and
- coordinate with the CALFED Science Program in developing performance measures related to Coordinated CALFED actions.

This activity will:

- require the cooperation of local agencies who may be engaged in implementing some of these actions; and
- initially, be limited to Coordinated CALFED projects that take advantage of Federal and State financial assistance programs and are therefore required to report on progress.
- Implementing agencies

CROSS-CUT BUDGET REPORTING FOR COORDINATED CALFED ACTIONS

Taken from page 33 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

The implementing agencies will:

- provide budgetary information on Federal, State and local expenditures for Coordinated CALFED Actions to be included in the CALFED cross-cut budget.

ANNUAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON COORDINATED CALFED ACTIONS

Taken from page 33 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

The policy advisory group and the ELC will:

- review the Coordinated CALFED actions annually; and
- provide recommendations for next steps in planning and implementation, including adjustments in Federal and State financial assistance programs.

The CALFED Program will include the Coordinated CALFED Actions in the CALFED Program Annual Report by reference, along with its recommendations.

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC PROCESSES FOR COORDINATED CALFED ACTIONS

Taken from pages 33-34 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

Agencies that implement financial assistance programs for Coordinated CALFED Actions should:

- review their public review processes and determine if input now provided by the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and its subcommittees should be transferred or replaced by new public input processes.
 - The goal should be to maintain or improve existing levels of transparency and public input.

REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Taken from page 34 of the 10-Year Action Plan, April 2006.

The California Water Plan update process will:

- include periodic assessments of California's regions, including the status of Coordinated CALFED Action planning and a report of regional issues and challenges.